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Title 11: Large Tree Amendment





Review

- The Large Tree Amendment (LTA) expires on December 31, 2024
- Urban Forestry's multi-phase approach to update Title 11
 - Phase 1: Technical and minor policy amendments to T11: **Complete**
 - Phase 2: Update the Portland Urban Forest Plan: **In progress**
 - Phase 3: Substantive Title 11 amendment project: **Begin late 2025**
- Recommendation to continue LTA to align with Phase 3 project



Summary of Public Comments Received

- Approximately 60 in-person and written comments submitted in support of the Large Tree Amendment
 - 350PDX
 - Trees for Life Oregon
 - Portland Neighbors Welcome
 - Bird Society of Oregon
 - East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District
 - Willamette Riverkeeper
- One in-person comment opposed
 - Fish Construction NW





What the Large Tree Amendment Changed

2015 Title 11 (Prior to Large Tree Amendment)		
Tree Size (dbh)	Preservation Requirement	Fee-in-Lieu of Preservation
0" – 12"	None	None
12" or greater	1/3 of healthy, non-nuisance trees	2/3 = none 1/3 = \$1,800/tree



Current Title 11 (Large Tree Amendment)		
Tree Size (dbh)	Preservation Requirement	Fee-in-Lieu of Preservation
0" – 12"	None	None
12" – < 20"	1/3 of healthy, non-nuisance trees	2/3 = none 1/3 = \$1,800/tree
20" or greater	All healthy, non-nuisance trees	\$450/inch



Exemptions from Tree Preservation

- Dead, dying, dangerous, and nuisance species trees
- Affordable housing projects
- Lots under 5,000 sf
- Project with proposed or existing lot coverage of 85% or more

Future Housing Units in BLI		
Title 11 Exemption	Number of Units	% of Total Units
Zones allowing 85% or more coverage	153,567	69%
Lots Under 5,000sf	22,792	10%



Effectiveness of the LTA

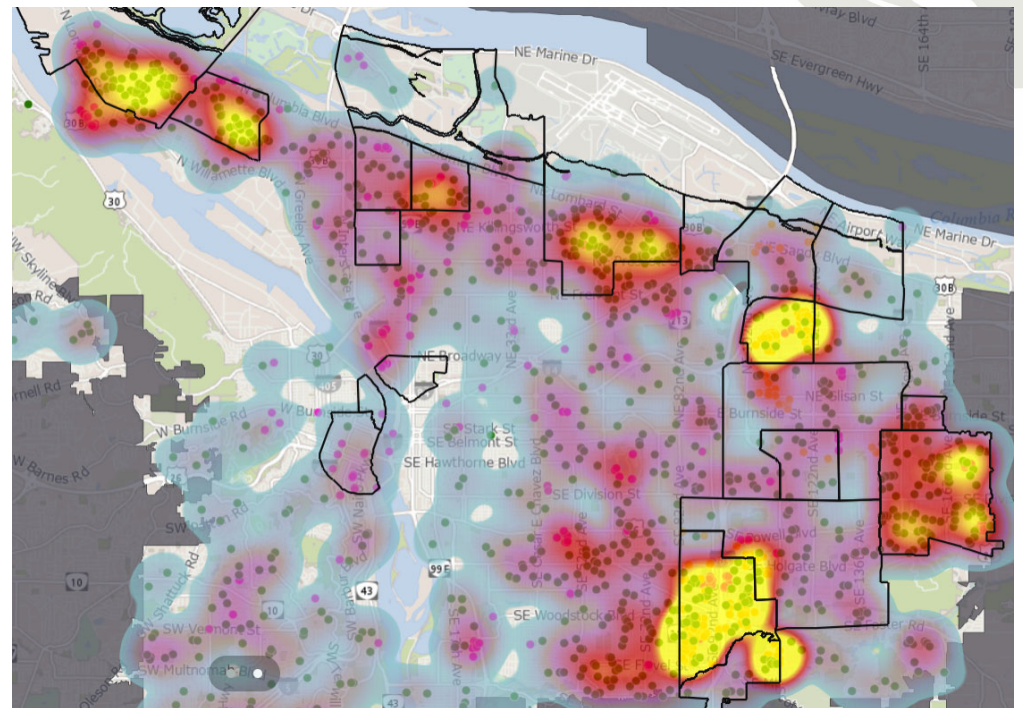
- 68% reduction in large trees removed
- 83% of new housing built in zones eligible for tree preservation exemptions
- Johnson Economics:
 - 54 fewer housing units over 20 years





Tree Planting & Preservation Fund

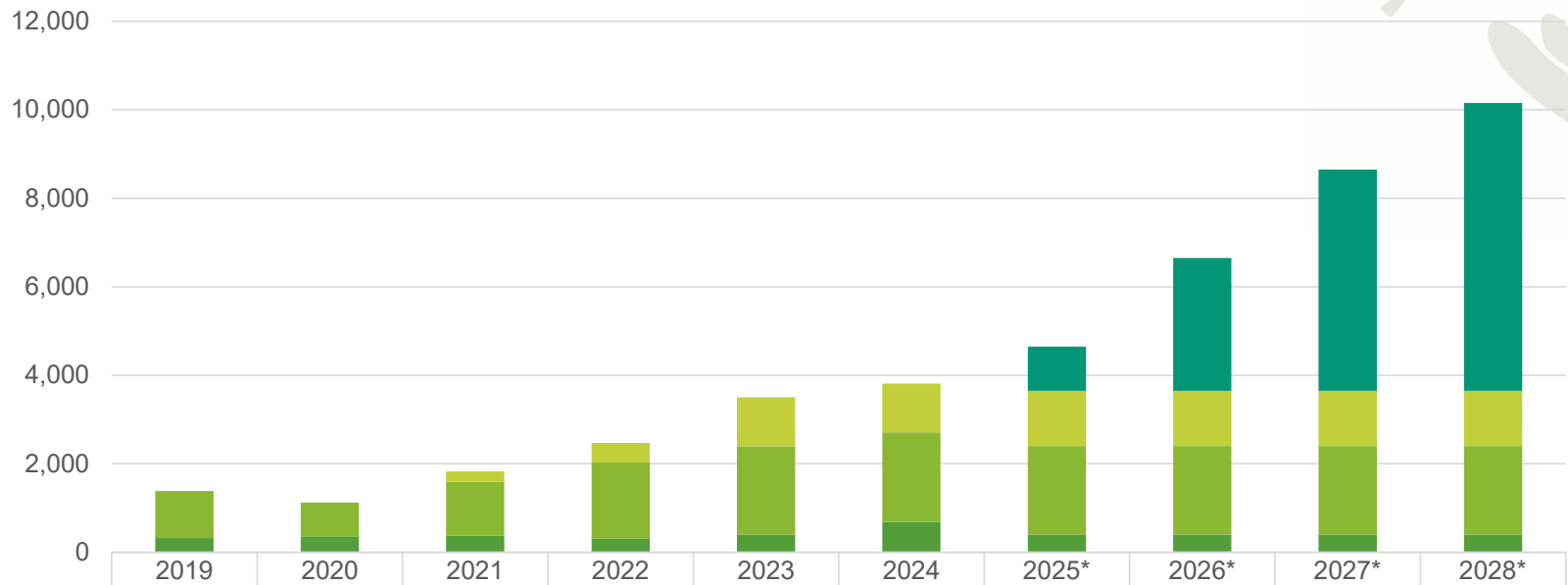
- Must be used to plant and establish trees (up to five years).
 - May also support conservation easements and land acquisition
- 2018 Citywide Tree Planting Strategy
- 42,000 trees planted since 2015
- Annual reporting



Source: Urban Forestry 2022 Planting Report



Trees Planted by Urban Forestry



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*	2026*	2027*	2028*
■ PCEF							1,000	3,000	5,000	6,500
■ Street Trees			231	440	1,107	1,102	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
■ Yard Trees	1,060	760	1,222	1,726	2,001	2,022	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
■ City/Community	323	362	374	302	395	688	400	400	400	400

■ City/Community ■ Yard Trees ■ Street Trees ■ PCEF



Proposed Amendment to 11.50.040.C

Staff Preferred Recommendation:

C. Tree Preservation Requirement. Any trees preserved shall be protected in accordance with the specifications in Section 11.60.030. ~~The regulations for Private Trees in Subsection 11.50.040 C.1. sunset after December 31, 2024. After December 31, 2024 the regulations in effect will be those in effect on January 1, 2015.~~



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Thank You

